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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS ON  
RHODESIA AT WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE, MARCH 9:

Q: IN VIEW OF THE GREAT AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION THAT IS  
GOING ON NOW ABOUT THE INTERNAL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT  
WHICH EXCLUDES THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, IS IT POSSIBLE IN  
YOUR VIEW TO HAVE A SETTLEMENT TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT  
WITHOUT INCLUDING NKOMO AND MUGABE?

A: I WOULD DOUBT WE COULD HAVE A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT  
WITHOUT INCLUDING A RIGHT FOR ALL THE NATIONALIST LEADERS  
TO PARTICIPATE. THAT WOULD INCLUDE MUGABE, SITHOLE AND  
WOULD ALSO INCLUDE NKOMO AS WELL. MUZOREWA, THE OTHER  
LEADER, WAS HERE YESTERDAY AND MET WITH SECRETARY VANCE.  
WE HAVE HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN MYSELF,  
SECRETARY VANCE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREAT  
BRITAIN, DAVID OWEN, AND WE RECONFIRMED OUR POSITION,  
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WHICH HAS BEEN CONSISTENT THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN  
IS THE BEST BASIS FOR A PERMANENT RESOLUTION OF THE  
RHODESIAN OR ZIMBABWE QUESTION. IT IS ONE THAT IS  
SUBSTANTIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS,

PRESIDENTS OF THOSE NATIONS SURROUNDING RHODESIA, AND  
IT HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED COMPLETELY BY NKOMO AND MUGABE,

THE FREEDOM FORCE LEADERS OUTSIDE OF RHODESIA.

WE HOPE NOW THAT WE CAN HAVE A CONFERENCE OF ALL THE INTERESTED NATIONALIST LEADERS TO TRY TO WORK OUT THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL, WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATE, AND THE SO-CALLED ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE ADEQUATE.

WE HAVE NOT REJECTED THE INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT PARTS OF THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PLAN. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN PROVISIONS, THEY ARE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT I THINK THAT IT MUST BE THAT ANY PERMANENT SETTLEMENT WOULD INCLUDE THE RIGHT OF ALL THE INTERESTED NATIONALIST LEADERS TO SEEK THE LEADERSHIP OF RHODESIA. VANCE

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